

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Croteau et al.

Art Unit: Unassigned

Application No. Divisional

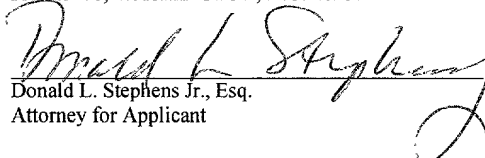
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For: TRANSACYLASES OF THE PACLITAXEL
BIOSYNTHETIC PATHWAY

Examiner: Unassigned


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Applicants request that the accompanying divisional application be amended in the following manner.

In the specification:

Please amend the description of "Cross Reference to Related Cases," page 1, lines 8-9 to read:

--This application is a divisional of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/457,046, filed December 7, 1999, herein incorporated by reference, which is a continuation in part of co-pending U.S. Application No. 09/411,145, filed September 30, 1999, herein incorporated by reference.--

In the claims

Please cancel claims 2, 7, 12-13, 15, 17, 19-22, 28-34, without prejudice or disclaimer.

REMARKS

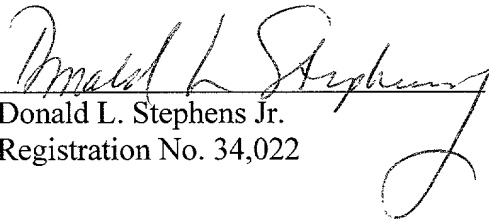
The specification has been amended to include the priority claim to the co-pending parent application (Appl. No. 09/457,046). Following entry of this amendment, claims 1, 3-6, 8-11, 14, 16, 18, 23-27 will remain in the instant application. Applicants have deleted claims 2, 7, 12-13, 15, 17, 19-22, 28-34 solely for the reason of presenting claims directed to Groups XV and XVII

of Supergroup C (TAX 6—amino acid SEQ ID NO: 28 and nucleic acid SEQ ID NO: 27) identified in the Restriction presented in the parent application (see Application No. 09/457,046 Office action mailed 30 June 2000, pages 2-18). Therefore, deletion of these claims does not affect the scope of the remaining claims.

No new matter has been introduced by this amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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